

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATIONS**

Art Unit: 1742 (Examiner M. Andrews)

Applicants: HOFFMAN et al.

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Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING A METALLIZED BRIQUETTE

Charlotte, North Carolina
July 2, 2003

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action of June 12, 2003, stating that the response filed on April 2, 2003 was not fully responsive, Applicant requests that the following remarks please be entered into the prosecution history.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wienert (US 5,421,859) in view of Grandin et al. (US 5,833,735). In the prior communication filed on April 2, 2003, claims 3 and 14-20 were canceled.